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Baker-Polito Administration Awards \$2 Million in Community Compact IT Grants to 47 Cities and Towns

Grants fund innovative IT projects, technology infrastructure upgrades and software or equipment purchases

BRAINTREE – Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito today awarded \$2 million to 47 cities and towns across the Commonwealth impacting 74 municipalities to drive local technological transformation and improvement projects through the Community Compact Information Technology (IT) Grant Program.

Lt. Governor Polito made the announcement after visiting the Braintree Fire Department, where funding from last year's IT grant program has allowed Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) to be installed in fire vehicles. The Braintree Fire Department recently began testing the MDTs and used the software to identify a hydrant location prior to arriving on the scene of a fire, saving the crew crucial minutes in a dangerous situation.

"The Community Compact Cabinet is instrumental in strengthening our partnerships with cities and towns across the Commonwealth," **said Governor Baker**. "The cabinet's IT grant program allows the state to support critical investments in technology projects and upgrades for municipalities seeking to streamline and improve their local services."

"The Community Compact Cabinet's three grant programs – Best Practices, Efficiency and Regionalization, and IT – are engines for improving local services in all 351 cities and towns across Massachusetts," **said Lt. Governor Polito, Chair of the Community Compact Cabinet**. "The Community Compact Cabinet is proud to see the Town of Braintree using their grant money to protect first responders and provide a better service to their residents. The FY16

grants enabled communities to pursue important projects like modernizing financial systems, implementing wireless networks, and digitizing records.”

This year’s Community Compact IT Grant Program awards cities and towns or groups of multiple towns up to \$146,000, and the expertise of the Office of Municipal and School Technology within MassIT, to implement and invest in one-time technology infrastructure, software and equipment upgrades.

“The administration is proud of our commitment to serve as a reliable partner to our cities and towns,” **said Administration and Finance Secretary Kristen Lepore.** “Throughout our budget development process, we have prioritized supporting our communities, and we are pleased to have included \$8.8 million between our FY18 operating and capital budget plans for Community Compact Cabinet related funding to continue investing in our communities.”

Examples of Community Compact IT Grant Program Initiatives:

- Georgetown will implement a shared reporting software for their Police and Fire Departments.
- Lenox and Lee will combine their respective town management positions into one shared Chief Administrator to serve both towns.
- Cohasset will implement enterprise software that will save money and reduce labor hours for document requests from the public and internal departments.
- North Andover will deploy technology to digitize paper documents, improving responsiveness to residents and create a more efficient internal process.
- Agawam will begin digitizing documents to improve their ability to share records across departments and respond to public record requests.
- Lynnfield and Wakefield will jointly modernize and improve their permitting system on a regional basis, allowing the public to apply for and track the status of permits online.
- Easthampton will consolidate the IT departments of the Easthampton Public Schools and the City of Easthampton, improving and expanding the support options for both the school district and the city.
- Springfield will implement an online Pre-K through 12th grade pre-registration and enrollment system that will expand on the district's development of a Pre-K through 12th grade longitudinal data system with early warning indicators.

For a full list of awardees and projects, click [here](#).

About the Community Compact Cabinet:

Formed in January 2015, the [Community Compact Cabinet](#) is chaired by Lt. Governor Polito and comprised of the secretaries of Housing & Economic Development, Education, Transportation, and Energy & Environmental Affairs, the Senior Deputy Commissioner of Local Services, the Assistant Secretary of Operational Services, and the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth. The Community Compact Cabinet elevates the Administration’s partnerships with cities and towns, and allows the Governor’s Office to work more closely with leaders from

all municipalities. The Cabinet champions municipal interests across all executive secretariats and agencies, and develops, in consultation with cities and towns, mutual standards and best practices for both the state and municipalities. The creation of Community Compacts creates clear standards, expectations and accountability for both partners.

As of today, 285 compacts have been signed.

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